Disappearance of boxes of Hazardous Wastes from Ports

†3768 : PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has ordered Government to submit a status report on the disappearance of imported boxes of hazardous wastes;

(b) if so, the report submitted by the Government to the court;

(c) whether it is also a fact that around 133 boxes of hazardous wastes such as dangerous oil, wastage of batteries and other items were imported into India, violating the international ban orders and these disappeared from ports on their arrival in India; and

(d) if so, the reasons for disappearance from the ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Government constituted an Inquiry Committee to verify the inventory and identify shortages, if any, with respect to quantities of Hazardous Wastes seized at Ports/Island Container Deports (ICDs)/ Container Freight Stations (CFSs). After detailed examination of the issues, the Committee submitted its report which was filed in the Supreme Court in August, 2002.

Out of the 158 waste oil containers seized at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, 25 containers were released after confirmation as furnace oil. Remaining 133 containers are lying in the port.

(d) Does not arise.

Problems facing Yamuna Action Plan

3769 : SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports "Yamuna plan is a maze of toilets" as appeared in media;

(b) what is plaguing Yamuna Action Plan and what is being done to streamline the process; and

(c) time by which things would be put in a proper perspective?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.